

I am writing to urge the Commission to reject Petition 04-160, filed by the National Association of Broadcasters. I find it odd that the broadcasting industry is so interested in preventing satellite radio from transmitting locally-oriented content when the broadcasters themselves have done such a good job of homogenizing radio by removing local content and local studios. Satellite radio has listeners--paying listeners--because the terrestrial broadcasters have done such a poor job of meeting the public's desire for varied, interesting entertainment and information.

If I want a 24-hour traffic and weather channel--which I do--I should be allowed to pay for it without interference from the FCC and the NAB. Further, because XM makes the services easy to find, as opposed to having to tune around as you travel to find the terrestrial "traffic and weather" station in a strange city, the service is especially helpful to travelers and commercial truckers.

The NAB has been anti-technology for many decades and they have always been wrong. If anything, NAB opposition should be seen as a sign that whoever they are opposed to is onto something good.

XM is the best thing to happen to radio since Gordon McLendon and KLIF of the 1960's.

Sincerely,

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